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The Many Faces of Motherhood

With the popularity of the "Happiness is a Warm Puppy" series, a writer for the London Observer (and obviously a mother) wonders why nobody has come out with a "Mother Is" book.

I think it would be a splendid idea, although Philip Wylie had somewhat the same idea a few years back in his scorching comments on "Mom-ism," which can best be summed up as: "Mom-ism is worrying that your son isn't bundled up warm enough on a cold day, even though he's 43 years old."

My contributions include: Motherhood is saving enough money to buy a dress and then having to use the cash to pay the plumbing bill instead.

Motherhood is a mile-high stack of ironing, over-stuffed

closets, a glacier age refrigerator which always needs defrosting and a living room that looks like the set of "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Motherhood is never having enough time to go to the hair-dressers. And putting off buying new clothes until you lost ten pounds.

Motherhood is hoping to emulate Donna Reed but ending up resembling Irene Ryan as "Granny" in the Beverly Hillbillies.

Motherhood is being inundated with so much child talk that you find yourself referring to "choos-choos" and "bunnies."

And when you have teenagers, it's being surprised that the telephone call is for you. And looking into a drawer and finding all the nylons gone.

Motherhood is either worry-

ing that your children aren't eating enough or wondering what happened to the supply of groceries you just bought. It's also putting so many items back on the grocery shelves which your kids have thrown into the cart at the supermarket that many customers think you're one of the clerks.

Motherhood is 789 PTA meetings, 382 "Open Houses," 198 school conferences and a 100,000 Mile Plaque from Yellow Cab for chauffeuring her kids everywhere.

Motherhood is trying to appear interested when some other mother is talking about her kids.

And for all I know, Motherhood just may still be worrying whether her children are bundled up warm on a cold day—even though they're 43 years old.



WITH GOP LEADER . . . Congressman Gerald Ford (third from left), Republican leader in the U. S. House of Representatives, talks with Dr. Kurth T. Sherry, a member of the Torrance Board of Education, and City Councilmen Ken Miller and H. Ted Olson. The meeting occurred at a Los Angeles luncheon honoring local Republicans. Republican members of 76 city councils and 93 boards of education attended the luncheon, sponsored by Republican Associates of Los Angeles County.

Ephesians Name Trio At School

Three members of the Win-graduating students, Charles Bibbs, Jim Kenyon, and Christine Wulbern were named to the Ephesian Society. The trio was selected by the faculty on the basis of outstanding character, from the Los Angeles City leadership, and scholarship. High Schools who were selected for their contributions civic and service organization to the community as students and their potential leadership.

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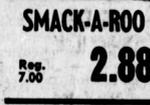
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